

BOA ANTARCTICA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Scuta abdominalia et subcaudalia.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

BOA gilva, fasciis creberrimis transversis rufis,
subtus flavescens, nigro maculata.

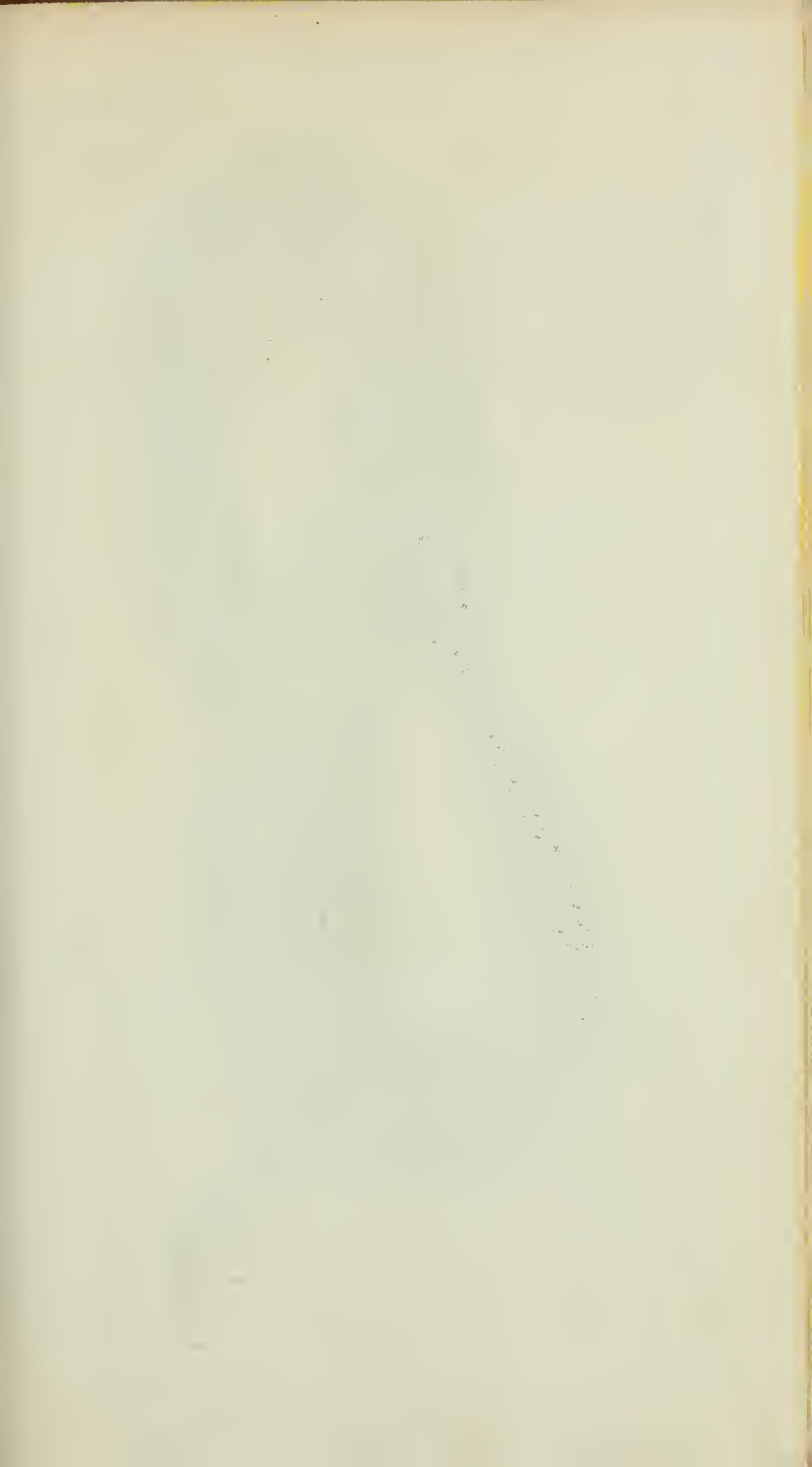
Scut: abdom. 113.

subcaud. 27.

Squam: terminales 22.

Venenata admodum est hæc species; rara insuper, nec antea descripta. Longitudo ut plurimum pedalis pertingit interdum ad quindecim uncias. Insignis est crassitudo corporis. Ob colores notabiles maculasque ex æquo sitas vix poteris permiscere hanc speciem cum ulla alia Boa quam adhuc novimus. In Australasia generatur Boa Antarctica.





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THE
ANTARCTIC BOA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Scuta or undivided plates both on the abdomen and beneath the tail.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Gilvous BOA, with numerous transverse rufous fasciæ; beneath yellowish, spotted with black.

Abdominal plates 113.

Subcaudal 27.

Terminal scales 22 pair.

This beautiful, and hitherto undescribed serpent, is a native of Australasia, and is considered as a highly poisonous species. Its general length is about twelve or fifteen inches: its form remarkably thick in proportion. From the singularity of its colours and the regularity of its markings it is not easily confounded with any other species.